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Comments: I am so glad you asked for my opinion on this "logging project" because that is what it is, another logging project. Claiming to improve forest conditions is an oxymoron. How can cutting and clearing nature's plan that has worked since the beginning of time be improved? Humans with machines cannot improve a forest!

All that beautiful over and understory, so intricate and magical, so heartwarming and cleansing is home to flora and fauna that renews each soul who it comes into contact with. And this contact for humans doesn't even have to be always in person! Imagine a landscape photo or portrait of a cut forest. Got the picture, are you happy or sad? Imagine a lynx or a spotted owl, or an ant or beetle against a backdrop of human intervention. Now imagine those creatures surrounded by the majesty of Mother Nature. Again I ask, which image makes your heart smile?

The community of Methow Valley recognizes that the already damaged areas of the forest are deplorable and a darn shame. That the forest service, for all their "good" intentions are insufficiently staffed to supervise logging in the name of prevention. The logging roads that are already closed show no to slow signs of recovery. The loosened ground gives way to winds and rain. The animals cry and so do I.

Human coexistence in this glorious valley is a blessing and where warranted trees and brush should be cleared to help mitigate fire. That is areas that are in close proximity to homes, schools, community centers and businesses. But there is not one good reason to touch ANY of the vast amount of proposed logging in pristine and uninhabited areas by humans. That's off limits. That's for the critters that make up our eco system. That's for the backpacker willing to walk there and walk out with all their 21 century wrappers. That forest is for the forest unto itself. Please do not trespass upon nature's gift with your machines and good intentions.

Logging to prevent or mitigate fire is just a flimsy excuse for commercial logging. I don't want logging trucks trucking down the highways, carrying away precious animal shelter and magical beauty likely to be delivered overseas.

I lived in Oregon long enough to see the kind of damage that will surely happen. I just saw it again in Vermont. I don't want to see that happening to the Methow Valley and Twisp River area.

If I haven't made my opinion clear, I am opposed to the current proposals.